possible time. The overall target for thermal generation for 1987-88 has been increased by about 2.7 billion units.

Power Production in the Country.

229. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total power generated by the public sector and the private sector in terms of Mega Watts and percentage of the total power production in the country during the last three years;

(b) what is the total net loss suffered or profit made by these sectors during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the operational losses of public sector power plants are increasing; if so, what are the details thereof; and what are the reasons for the same; and

(d) what action is contemplated to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Industrial Alcohol

230. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how much industrial alcohol was imported in the country during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) how much imported alcohol was given to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) During 1984-85 no permission for import of industrial alcohol was given. However, during the period from February, 1985, to November, 1986 duty free import of denatured alcohol was permitted to actual users (industrial) and the actual import was 579,38,818 litres. The Statewise details of this import work out as under:—

S.No.	Name of the State	Quantity in litres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	46,68,386
2.	Delhi	69,89,471
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	60,000
4.	Goa	23,800
5.	Gujarat	46,68,386
6.	Karnataka	30,31,669
7.	Madhya Pradesh	75,000
8.	Maharashtra	46,14,490
9.	Orissa	99,663
10.	Rajasthan	6,62,543
11.	Tamil Nadu	57,10,472
12.	West Bengal	3,19,22,887
	Total	5,79,38,818

Soviet Assistance for New Power Projects

231. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has recently offered to extend assistance for new power projects in India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the offer made by the Soviet Union;

(c) whether Government have since accepted the Soviet offer; and